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Applicant(s): Riyi SHI et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1617  
Serial No.: 09/438,206 )  
Confirmation No.: 9018 ) Examiner: Hui  
Filed: 12 November 1999 )  
For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR TREATING MAMMALIAN  
SPINAL CORD INJURIES

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 28 January 2003, Applicants file herewith a Request for Continued Examination. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the pending claims in view of the following comments is respectfully requested.

Remarks

Claims 22-30, 38-40, 43 and 44 are presently pending in the above-identified matter. For the Examiner's convenience, the pending claims are set forth in Appendix A.

The Examiner is requested to note that the rejections of claim 30 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs, were originally addressed in the Amendment submitted on February 22, 2002. The Examiner has twice repeated these rejections, without considering the amendment of claim 30. It appears to the Applicants that the amendment of claim 30 in response to those rejections may have been overlooked. In reconsidering the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs, the Examiner is requested to consider claim 30 as amended in the paper filed February 22, 2002. Claim 30 as amended is set forth in Appendix A, attached hereto.